

Response under 37 CFR 1.111  
Serial No. 09/900,490  
Attorney Docket No. 010866

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 18 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claims 1-7, 12 and 17-18 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated August 11, 2005.

**Allowable Subject Matter:**

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication in item 3 of the Action that claims 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 16 have been allowed. As indicated above, claims 1-7, 12 and 17-18 have been cancelled, therefore, it is respectfully submitted that all of the remaining claims 8-11 and 13-16 are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

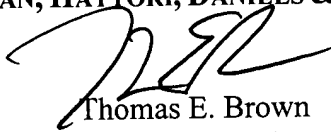
If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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